

# Student Missionaries Named



Jane Sherman  
To Trinidad  
Gene Theriot  
To Alaska

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Twenty-six persons, including one local BSU director, will be sent by the Baptist Student Unions of Mississippi this summer to serve as missionaries in eight foreign countries and six states of the U.S., according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The name, school, and place of service of each person follows:

Jimmy Smith, Mississippi State, to Bahamas; Juanita Dubos, William Carey to Gaza; Teresa Collins, Blue Mountain, to Guam; David Bell, Mississippi College, to Jamaica; Sherrill Dillon, Mississippi College, to Jamaica; Sally Murphy, Mississippi College, to Malawi; Jimmy Palmer, Mississippi State, to Pakistan; Billy Jernberg, University Medical Center, to Philippines; Jana Moore, Millsaps, to Trinidad; Jane Sherman, University of Southern, to Trinidad; Gene Theriot, Mississippi College, to Alaska; Terry Mahan, Clarke, to Iowa; Robert Catrett, Gulf Coast Junior College, to Northern Plains Convention; Edwin Dedaux, Mississippi State, to Oregon-Washington; Nelsie Hughes, Mississippi College, to Oregon-Washington.

A team of 10 students will serve in New York. These are as follows:

Daniel Armstrong, Blue Mountain; Sam Baker, Blue Mountain; Beth Barber, Mississippi College; John Barber, William Carey; Jim Cole,

Mississippi College; Mike Deer, Mississippi College; Martha Newby, Northeast Junior College; Lix Palmer, Mississippi College; Tom Prather, Mississippi College; Don Winter, Itawamba Junior College.

The student director is yet to be appointed. Among the group is a nurse to serve in the Baptist Hospital in Gaza and a medical student to serve in the Philippines.

The financial goal for the year is \$11,500, with no solicitation from churches. The appointments were made by the Student Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention.

The missionaries, who will serve this summer, do not receive salaries. Room and board is furnished by the mission where the student works. Transportation and other necessary expenses are provided by the missions offering.

The sum of \$500 has been allocated to help defray expenses of the 35-  
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### Churches Qualify For Recognition

Office secretaries Mrs. Jasper Lipscomb (left) and Mrs. Roy Smith of the Church Training Department put the finishing touches on a window display at the Baptist Building as the Church Training Department launches its promotion of the Mississippi Church Training Achievement Guide. Union Church, (Pike) and First, Waynesboro have qualified for Advanced Recognition in the use of this Mississippi program to improve church training. Directors are Mrs. Nancy Rowley of Union Church, and Harold Roan of First, Waynesboro. Five other churches have qualified for Merit Recognition. These are Tillatoba Church, Ronal Ramage, director; Gallman Church, M. L. Sojourner, director; Southway Church, Brookhaven, Shelby Waits, director; Southside Church, (Washington) Dan J. Criswell, director; and First Church, Pontotoc, J. Larry Young, director.

Glenn L. Archer

## Churches Asking U.S. 'Aid' Leave Spiritual Mission for Politics

WASHINGTON, D. C., (RNS) — One of the nation's leading proponents of church-state separation suggested here that religious groups seeking government aid to church institutions are neglecting their "spiritual mission" in favor of "political" power. Characterizing such government subsidies "as destructive of the church itself," Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said "this implies that religion can be bought for a price."

"We contend that every Church with a real commitment can maintain whatever institutions it deems necessary to the advancement of its spiritual mission," he told delegates to the 23rd annual National Conference

on Church and State here.

Among the many papers presented at the conference, the two appearing to arouse greatest attention focused on how aid to parochial school measures in two states — Nebraska and Michigan — were defeated in state-wide referendums.

Ostensibly aimed at countering recent attempts, especially in New York, to win state assistance for financially-endangered parochial schools, almost all the conference presentations dealt with school aid legislation.

John E. Lynch, executive secretary of the Nebraska State Education Association, told 150 delegates attending the conference that a state constitutional amendment, permitting direct tuition grants to non-public school students, was "soundly" rejected by Nebraska voters, 241,211 to 178,656.

He said it happened despite the fact that those favoring parochial aid — the Catholic Church, some members of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, and Citizens for Educational Freedom — mounted a rather extensive mass media campaign.

Opponents of parochial aid, he said, had little resources but depended on cooperating groups and personal ap-

pearances. Many persons traveled throughout the state, speaking to voters, he added, and radio and television stations supplied free "spots."



### Seminar Held At Baptist Hospital

Several persons who attended the annual seminar of Pastoral Care of the Ill at the Baptist Hospital Feb. 11 are seen having a moment of fellowship between sessions. Seated, from left: Dr. Harold Rutledge, New Orleans, speaker; Mrs. Johnny Weber, director of nursing service of the hospital; Paul J. Pryor, administrator. Standing: Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson, speaker; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, speaker; Rev. James McLemore, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Silver Creek; and Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain and seminar coordinator. Pastors and visitors were present from a wide area. The seminar was sponsored by the hospital with the cooperation of the Christian Action Commission.

### Area Sunday School Conferences Ready

Ten Area Sunday School conferences will be held in the state on March 1-2, from 7 to 9 p. m. Five teams, composed of eight faculty members, will provide leadership in these ten areas.

One of these leaders is Mrs. W. H. Souther, director of Demonstration School, New Orleans, who will be named later.

On March 1 conferences will be held in the following churches: Hazlehurst, First; Amory, First; Lucedale, First; Philadelphia, First; and Bruce, First.

On March 2 conferences will meet in these churches: Magnolia, First; Ocean Springs, First; Fulton, First; Marks, First and Ackerman.

Leadership sessions for Sunday School officers and teachers in each of the ten area meetings will offer seven age division conferences and one general officer conference.

There will be older and younger preschool conferences. In the Children's Division three conferences for younger (6-7), middle (8-9) and older (10-11).

One Youth Division and one Adult Division conference will be held plus  
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### SBC Cooperative Gifts For January Increase 13 Per Cent

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists started the year 1971 with a 13 per cent increase in giving to world missions through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee reported here.

Gifts through the denomination's mission support plan for January, 1971, totaled \$2,954,576, an increase of \$340,986 or 13.05 per cent compared to January, 1970 contributions of \$2.6 million.

In addition to the \$2.9 million given through the unified budget, a total of \$4.6 million was contributed to designated special mission causes during January, an increase of \$481,805 over the \$3.9 million in designations last year.

The combined total reached \$7.5 million for the month of January, an increase of \$1 million over the previous year's first month, or 15.61 per cent.

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# Encyclopedia To Honor Woolley, Committee To Suggest Successor

NASHVILLE (BP) — The administrative committee of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission suggested a memorial page in the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists to honor Davis C. Woolley, the commission's late executive secretary, and appointed a nominating committee to suggest a new executive.

The commission's administrative committee met here just one week after Woolley, who headed the commission for nearly 12 years as executive secretary - treasurer, died of cancer.

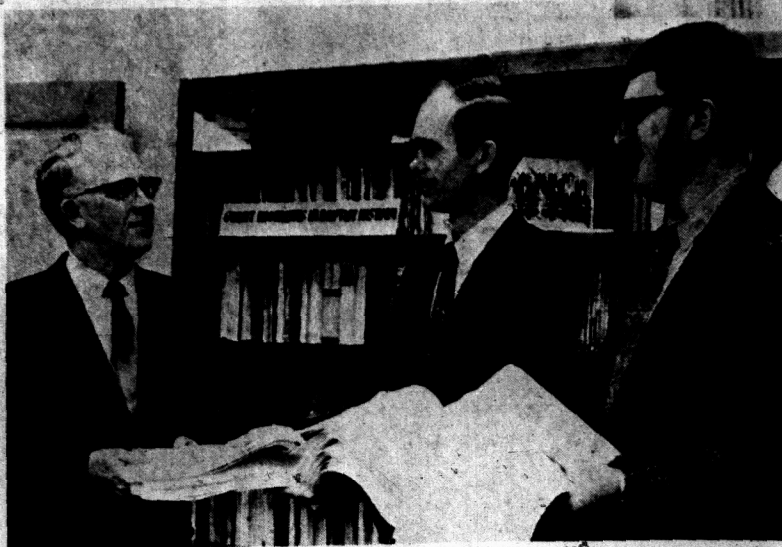
Named chairman of the five-man nominating committee was Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

No time schedule was suggested, but W. Morgan Patterson, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and chairman of the commission, said he hoped that the committee could nominate a new executive by the time of the next commission meeting, April 19-21, although this may not be possible.

In another action, the committee requested Lynn E. May Jr., research director of the commission, to "continue to provide interim leadership" for the commission staff, as he has done since Woolley was hospitalized on Sept. 27.

The committee requested the editorial committee of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, Volume III, to approve of publishing an "in memoriam" page in the Encyclopedia volume expected to be released May 15.

Woolley was managing editor of the Encyclopedia volume, which is de-



PROOFS OF HISTORY: Galley proofs of Volume III of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists are presented by Lynn E. May Jr., associate to the managing editor of the encyclopedia (center) and Terry L. Jones (right), editorial assistant to the publisher, W. J. Fallis, senior editor, Broadman Press (left). The proofs of the 608 page Encyclopedia volume, due for release May 15, were turned over to the publisher about a week after the death of Davis C. Woolley, managing editor of the Encyclopedia and executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission.—(BP) PHOTO.

signed to expand and update the content of Volumes I and II of the Encyclopedia published in 1958, by preventing significant developments among Southern Baptists from 1958-70.

Only a few days after the committee's action, associate managing editor May and editorial assistant Terry L. Jones, turned over the revised and corrected galley proofs on the Encyclopedia to the publisher, Broadman Press.

The volume includes 560 pages of

articles and monographs and 48 pages of photographs chronicling Southern Baptist history and developments during the 14 year period not covered by the previous two volumes.

A total of 642 writers contributed 1,145 articles for the volume. Each one of the 21 agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, state convention executives and editors, college, seminary and state historians, and Baptist pastors cooperated in the joint effort coordinated by Woolley as managing editor.

## 1st Boyle Calls Pastor

Rev. Jerry Gooch is the new pastor of First Church, Boyle. A graduate of Mississippi College, he attended the University of Mississippi Graduate School and Southern Seminary. Previous pastorates include Big Creek Church, Calhoun Association, and Blue Lake Church, Quitman Association. Mr. Gooch is married to the former Mary Ann Spencer of Greenville, and they have one son, Jeffrey.

## Hospital Schedules

### "Merchandise Fair"

Products of interest to physicians and hospital personnel will be on display at Mississippi Baptist Hospital March 25-26 at a "Merchandise Fair" scheduled for those dates.

The event was announced by Mrs. Dorothy Crow, R. N., the hospital's director of in-service training, and by Mrs. Winnie Curcio, the hospital's central supply supervisor.

The purpose, she said, is to acquaint doctors and hospital personnel with new equipment and with the advantages of their use, and to reorient them as to existing equipment.

The show will be held on the third floor of the hospital's Lackey Building from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. The opening hour is for the benefit of those going off night duty and doctors making early rounds.

# Evergreen Church (Winston) Burns

Evergreen Church, located on Highway 25, just north of Louisville in Winston County, was completely demolished by fire on Sunday afternoon, February 7. Everything in the building and educational annex except the pews and pulpit furniture was destroyed. Only some outside walls remain. Firemen were able to save the four columns which stood at the front of the sanctuary.

The building was valued at approximately \$90,000, although replacement costs will be much higher than that, according to the pastor, Rev. Bobby Waggoner. About one half of the loss was covered by insurance. (This is not on the cost of replacement.)

The sanctuary had been remodeled in 1964 and the two educational units had been erected during the 1950's. The church still had some debt on the buildings.

Origin of the fire has not been determined although it is thought that it may have been caused by faulty wiring.

The congregation will hold its services in the building known as Taylor's Kitchen, across the road from Taylor Machine Works on Highway 15, north of Louisville. This building formerly was used as a dining room for workmen at the Taylor plant.

Pastor Waggoner said that the congregation already was discussing plans for the future, and that a Building Committee probably will be elected very shortly. He said that the



church would rebuild, as quickly as possible.

Mrs. R. A. Herrington, part time music director for the Evergreen Church, and wife of the superintendent of missions for Winston Association, has indicated that the church lost all the music properties they had in the fire, including 25 lovely choir robes, three pianos, and the music library.

Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, requests, "If any churches in the state might be in a position to assist with some of the music losses, any donations may be sent to Mrs. R. A. Herrington at P. O. Box 375, Louisville, Miss., or to the pastor, Rev. Bobby Waggoner, at Route 5, Louisville, Miss."

# 'Reachout '71' Planned For Jackson

The wheels have already been set in motion to make "Reachout '71," April 12-15, in the City Auditorium, "The Happening of the year for the teenagers of Jackson!"

"Reachout '71" was first envisioned about two years ago when the Jackson Council of Christian Youth Leaders felt the need for a major city-wide youth crusade with a fresh approach to reach young people.

Committees and personnel have been recruited and are now actively seeking to make this Crusade the best ever to come to Jackson.

The primary aim of this effort is to reach high school and college students with the gospel of Christ. (70% of America's high school students do not attend church.)

Jay Kesler of Wheaton, Illinois will be featured as the speaker each night. He is the vice-president of Youth For Christ International and is one of the most popular youth speakers in America. He will give a straight-forward presentation of the gospel correlated with the program theme.

No attempt will be made to soft pedal the Christian message and those young people who make the decisions will be referred to local churches of their choice.

The New World Singers will entertain each night with the kind of music the kids like. Popular music will be used, but it will be planned to com-

municate a message. This group has their headquarters in Chicago and includes Finis Dake, Bob Henley, and Jane Henley, a former "Miss Pennsylvania."

Ralph Fry, from Denver, Colorado, will be the program director for the Crusade. He has directed musical groups that have toured the U.S. and has directed stage productions in numerous cities. Each program will be based on a particular youth problem or interested (hypocrisy, sex, generation gap, drugs, etc.), and the City Auditorium will be appropriately decorated.

The co-chairmen for "Reachout '71" are Mrs. R. C. (Ann) Alexander and

the Rev. Sam Patterson. Both have had many years experience working with young people and know how to relate to them and their needs. They are working closely with the numerous committee chairmen assigned to the many details of the Crusade.

The Executive Committee for the Crusade includes many prominent church leaders from our community. They are: Rev. Larry Rohman, Rev. Donald Patterson, Ralph Lord, Thad Hawkins, Benton Cain, Rev. J. C. Renfro, Rev. Tom Hudson, David Sessums, Hon. Hugh C. Montgomery, Jr., Rev. Walt Porter, Rev. Martin Case, and Rev. Fred Tarpley.



Neil Jackson and John Hack of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Recreation and Library Services Departments will be among the ten outstanding conference leaders from Southern Baptist Convention agencies who will be leading special conferences and engaging in personal consultations during a series of Leadership Readiness Conferences scheduled for Mississippi during the week of February 22-25.



These conferences have been planned to give an opportunity for church leaders to communicate personally with appropriate Southern Baptist Convention consultants about any matter of concern relating to 1970 program and materials.

Another important item in the program content is the presentation of suggested procedures and materials for the church Planning-Training-Launching Plan recommended for the churches by Southern Baptist Convention programs for the fall of 1971.

Both Jackson and Hack are consultants in their respective departments at the Baptist Sunday School Board and in addition to participation on the general program will be leading conferences. Mr. Jackson will lead the conference for those interested in the field of church recreation. Mr. Noman A. Rodgers will represent the Church Training Department in this conference. Mr. Hack along with W. T. Douglas, Library Consultant with the Mississippi Sunday School Department, will lead the conference for church library workers.

Other conferences include: Pastors and Church Staff, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Music, Missions, Stewardship-Foundation, Sunday School, and Church Training.

Meetings have been scheduled on February 22 at West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo; February 23 at First Baptist Church, Greenwood; February 24 at First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. These three meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. and personal consultations. The program proper begins at 2:15 p.m. and continues on February 24 at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, which begins at 9:00 a.m.

## Join Cooperative - - - -

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of reaching people for Christ, basic Bible teaching, and the centrality of worship in the churches.

"Basic to an expanding and improved witness and ministry are adequate funds, and Mississippi Baptist will rise to meet the challenge of this hour."

In addition to the increase in Cooperative Program giving, designated gifts for the Little Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions continue to be received in the business office, according to Mr. Hudgins.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the State Convention and accounts for about two-thirds of all mission receipts.

The 1971 Cooperative Program budget goal is \$4,265,000.

## Carey Holds First Capping Ceremony

William Carey College's School of Nursing held its first capping ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Napoleon Church, New Orleans. Last year Carey merged with the Mather School of Nursing of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans to form the new Carey School of Nursing.

Under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Morrison, dean of the school of Nursing, the ceremony consisted of the placing of the white nurses cap on the heads of 15 William Carey College students who have completed three semesters of work on the Hattiesburg campus and who will now enter a period of two semesters work at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

The new uniform, designed especially for the Carey School of Nursing, consists of a red A-Line dress.



Dr. Douglas Ezell, assistant professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a native Mississippian, talks with two Mississippi students, Joe Gordon (center) of Meridian, and Nathan Saucier (right) of Laurel. More than 2000 students study at Southwestern, one of six Southern Baptist seminaries and the largest seminary in the world.

## Baptist Seminary - - - -

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achieve are to be developed and utilized correctly.

Consider the following affirmatives, reported by a special study group of Southern Baptists:

1. Christian higher education is a vital aspect of the Christian witness which has been generally accepted by Southern Baptists. This conviction is reflected in the following statement: "The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people."

2. The privately supported higher institutions of learning enjoy certain freedom in their search for and interpretation of truth that are not universally enjoyed by public colleges and universities. This is not to say that church-related colleges are free from pressure at the hands of the supporting religious body. Because a private institution is usually free to determine its own processes in teaching and research, it serves in some degree as a bulwark against undue pressures and influences that tend to limit the search for knowledge and truth. It is vital to the life and witness of Southern Baptist colleges to continue this freedom from undue pressures either from church or state or other groups.

3. As conceived by Baptists, the truth for which we search and with

which we deal is a revelation from God. Christian education consists of the search for any and all truth with the conviction that the author and revealer of truth is God as He has made Himself known supremely through Jesus Christ. Christian education differs little from any other type of higher education except in terms of that commitment and its implications.

4. In view of the commitment by Baptists to promote the Christian message through effective witness-ing, Christian education is not an optional interest of the church, but an important function of its mission. Baptists have established and they continue to support colleges because the colleges share with the church in the ultimate purpose of the redemptive plan of God for mankind.

## Temple, Hattiesburg Calls New Pastor

Temple Church, Hattiesburg, has called Rev. Kermit Dale, Jr. as pastor.

Mr. McGregor has been pastor of First Church, Winona since 1968. He is a native of Pontotoc County and is married to the former Phyllis Lane McCoy of Algoma. They have two children - Lisa Lane, 4 and Kermit Dale, Jr. 2.

Mr. McGregor is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. While in seminary he served as pastor of Thompson Church, Smithdale and prior to going to Winona he was at Bruce, 1965-68.

He has served in many capacities in associational work, and was a member of the nominating committee of the Miss. Baptist Convention in 1969. He is vice-president of the Miss. Alumni of New Orleans Seminary and trustee of the Baptist Children's Village.

He participated in the Crusade of the Americas revival effort in the Oregon - Washington General Convention in 1969, preaching in Seattle.

Mrs. McGregor is a graduate of Blue Mountain and has taught in the public schools of Picayune, Ingomar, and Winona.

Dr. V. L. Stanfield, homiletics professor at New Orleans Seminary, has served as interim pastor at Temple since August, 1970, when the pastor, Rev. J. Harold Stephens, moved to Fairborn, Ohio. Dr. Stanfield has served the church as interim on two previous occasions.



## Baptist Memorial Hospital Trustees Represent Three States

Pictured are the trustees for Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Baptist Memorial Hospital is owned by the Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, and each Convention appoints nine members to the board of trustees. Members are appointed for a three-year term and can serve no more than two consecutive terms. The occasion of this picture was the annual board meeting which was held recently. Mississippians in the

photo are: Back row, second from left, W. R. Roberts, Jackson; fourth from left, Henry Self, Marks; sixth from left, Dr. Wm. H. Preston, Jr., Booneville; seventh from left, Dr. Harvey L. Flowers, West Point. Middle row, far left, Charles G. Bobo, Clarksdale; second from left, William A. Crabill, Marks; fourth from left, H. T. Conley, Corinth; fifth from left, J. W. Caperton, Tunica; seventh from left, Paul Owen, New Albany. Front row, sixth from left, Cam-

## Area Sunday - - - -

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one conference for all general officers. Conference leadership will give priority to better Bible teaching.

Forty faculty members will make up the traveling teams for these ten area meetings. These faculty members will come from Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana.





## Student Missionaries Named

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member Hour of Power Choir of the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union as they participate in the Home Mission-Board sponsored Evangelistic Beach Ministry during Easter holidays, April 5-12.

At the recent State Student Convention the name was changed from BSU Summer Missions to BSU Student Missions to enable BSU to participate in mission opportunities during the year.

Baptist Student Union missions is

a program sponsored jointly by State Departments of Student Work, the Department of Student Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Churches Are Urged To Use Student Missionaries Prior To Week Of Prayer

With the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions to be held March 7-14, churches are being urged to have a former student missionary speak at some service prior to that week as a means of creating a greater interest in the observance.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Student Department, says that these students could give first hand knowledge of the need for the Annie Armstrong offering to taken in connection with the Week of Prayer observance.

Churches wishing to use such a student are asked to contact the Baptist student director at the nearest Student Center and one could likely be made available.

## Prentiss Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Robert L. Sheffield, a native of Raymond, has been called as pastor of Prentiss Church, Prentiss. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Barbara Lynn, 9, Carol Lee, 6, and Robert Mark, 2. They moved to Prentiss from South Side Church, Meridian, where he served as pastor for four years.

Sheffield has also served churches in Charleston, Miss.; Antelope, Texas; and Columbus, Miss.

A graduate of Hinds High School, Raymond, he attended Hinds Jr. College and received his BA degree from Mississippi College. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, and received his counseling training at East Mississippi State Hospital Extension Center of Bradley University, Columbus, Ga.

Mr. Sheffield has spoken to many youth retreats and youth groups. He served as camp pastor for Youth Music Week at Gulf Shore Assembly in 1968. He has held revivals in Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and has held pioneer revivals in Great Falls, Montana, and Youngstown, Ohio.

While he was pastor of the Meridian church, the property was improved by the elimination of three old buildings; the educational facilities were remodeled; a new organ was purchased; and all of the educational facilities of the church were centrally heated and cooled. The church experienced growth each of the four years with over 200 people added to the membership.

Mr. Sheffield has served as secretary of Baptist pastors' Conference, chairman of the Missions Committee of the association for three years, moderator of the Lauderdale County Association, and in 1969 he preached the annual association sermon. He has also served as president of the Lauderdale County Mississippi College Alumni Chapter, Chairman of the Counseling Center Committee of the Meridian Counseling Foundation, member of the Board of the Lauderdale County Mental Health Association, and Chaplain of the Meridian Civitan Club.

At Prentiss, he follows Dr. L. E. Green, who retired this past summer.

## Alabama Baptists Plan African Mission Safari

An Africa Mission Safari planned especially for the lay members of the churches of Alabama will be promoted by the Brotherhood Department and the Woman's Missionary Union. The on-site mission study program was endorsed by the Executive Board of the Alabama Convention. Scheduled to depart on September 2, the Safari members will visit six East and Central Africa countries, including Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rhodesia, Malawi, and Zambia. In Europe they will stop over in Rome and Zurich.

The tour will be conducted by H. Mac Johnson, Jr., director of the Brotherhood Department, and Dr. Mary Essie Stephens, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. They will visit many areas of mission work sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board plus participation in sightseeing excursions.

Bryan Tours, Inc., of Jackson, Mississippi was the successful bidder for the operation of the travel arrangements, after submitting detailed itinerary for the trip. The tour will sell for \$1395 per person.

**MAPULACA, Honduras:** The First Baptist Church here has dedicated a new sanctuary. Most of the \$350 cost of the structure came from the 1969 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, reported Southern Baptist missionary Harold E. Hurst. After the dedication ceremony, the congregation observed the Lord's Supper, using glasses borrowed from families in the community and unleavened bread made from flour imported for the occasion. Sixteen persons were baptized during the first worship services held in the new sanctuary.



This cartoon by Jack Hamm, whose drawings are a regular feature on the editorial page of the Baptist Record, has just won an Honor Medal Award from the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa. The citation read "An outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of the American Way of Life." Mr. Hamm is a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas. His cartoons probably are used more widely than those of any other religious cartoonist in America. The Baptist Record has been using them for many years.

## Churches Asking - - -

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financial support for any church school."

Dr. Archer, admitting that some church schools have closed, said the "basic cause" has been a collapse of support from their own constituency and a crisis of confidence about the Church's future.

"When one contemplates the enormous amount of money, time and energy that is being expended by Churches in some 40 states and before the Congress to obtain public taxes, it raises the presumption that we may be developing two Churches - the one powerful and political, the other a living Church serving the spiritual needs of the people," he declared.

Dr. Archer described the present era of church-state confrontation as "the great awakening," observing that there is growing evidence that the rank and file of America is awakening to the church-state problem.

He called President Nixon a "great imponderable" on the matter of church-state separation because of "the ultimate position he may take on this issue."

**PORTUGAL:** Miss Lucy Goncalves Guimaraes, missionary of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, arrived early this year in Lisbon, where she will teach Hebrew and Old Testament at the Portuguese Baptist theological seminary. Portugal has been a mission field of Brazilian Baptists since 1908. Southern Baptist missionaries first went there in 1950 at the request of the Portuguese and Brazilian Baptist foreign mission boards. Three Southern Baptist couples are now stationed in Portugal as "fraternal representatives."

## First State Handbell Festival

March 6, 1971  
Alta Woods Baptist Church  
Jackson

Guest Clinician

Coordinator



Saxe Adams  
BSSB  
Nashville



Bill Santo  
Alta Woods  
Jackson

Bill Santo, coordinator of the First State Handbell Festival announces that Saxe Adams, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be guest clinician for this event.

Joe Santo, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, will be a judge and conduct a session for leaders interested in beginning handbells. Some subjects to be discussed will be: How to Buy Bells, How to Buy Music for Handbells, Selection of Ringers.

All handbell choirs in the state are urged to participate in the festival, and also all persons interested in handbells should attend this event for assistance in organizing groups.

## New Hope Calls Pastor

Rev. Daniel C. Hood has been called as new pastor of New Hope Church on Highway 45 South, Lauderdale County.

A native of Augusta, Ga., he was reared in Mountain View, Ga., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hood, still reside. A brother is minister of music in a Macon (Ga.) church.

Though only 26 years old, Mr. Hood has preached 54 revivals, beginning with 21 youth revivals while at Norman College in Norman Park, Ga. After two years there, he transferred to Mississippi College, where he received the BA degree. The young minister was awarded the Master of Theology degree at New Orleans Seminary in 1970. Additional study was done at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, Israel.

In 1966, he was a BSU missionary to Puerto Rico, and has served as associate pastor of Anding Church, in Benton. Prior to going to New Hope, he was pastor at Progress Church, McComb.

The congregation of New Hope Church welcomed the new pastor with a reception.

## Romney, Lindsay To Speak At New York Seminar

**NEW YORK (BP)**—Several government officials, including Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and Housing and Urban Development Department Secretary George Romney, have accepted invitations to speak at a seminar on "National Priorities and Christian Responsibility" sponsored here by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The seminar will be held at the Commodore Hotel here, March 1-3. Other speakers will include a United Nations official, an assistant to consumer crusader Ralph Nader, a Peace Corps administrator, an evangelist, a nationally-known attorney, a former Long Island publisher and White House aide, a college student, and several college and seminary professors and administrators, and a Negro Baptist pastor.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said in outlining the seminar's purpose: "We will earnestly seek God's guidance in understanding what America's national priorities ought to be."

Adding that this in itself is not enough, Valentine stated that the seminar participants "will be challenged to accept our Christian responsibility line, released just three weeks prior to the seminar, included:

Valentine said that almost all of the available 400 spaces are now reserved, but that there are still a limited number of openings available to "any Southern Baptist who would like to participate" and who sends an advance registration fee of \$20 to the commission's office, 4 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville.

Speakers on the final program outline, released just three weeks prior to the seminar, include:

Romney, Lindsay, George Bush, United States representative-designate for the United Nations; William M. Dyal, a regional director for the Peace Corps; Arthur Lemming, president of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.; Kate Bekwell, research assistant to Ralph Abernethy; James E. Allen, visiting lecturer in education and public affairs; Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, N. J.; James Ralph Sales, president of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.; and H. C. Rust, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In December, the commission released a preliminary program outline listing several other speakers. Those on the initial list of speakers include: Leighton Ford, associate to Evangelist Billy Graham; Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Bill Moyers, former publisher of Today and former White House press secretary; Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association; John Gaventa,

student at Vanderbilt University and a staff assistant for the President's Commission on Campus Unrest; and Gardner Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Last year, the commission sponsored a seminar on "Authentic Morality" which drew fire from some Baptist circles because it featured a debate on the Playboy philosophy and situation ethics. While previous seminars had been on an "invitation" basis, the New York seminar will be open to any who make advance registrations.

**COSTA RICA:** Seven young men made professions of faith in Christ two days after they were given tracts at a Baptist literature stand in San Jose, Costa Rica. The young men, wearing what Southern Baptist missionary L. Laverne Gregory described as "hippy clothes," had joined a crowd at the Baptist booth on the last night of a 10-day Christmas and New Year's festival. Another man made a profession of faith at the booth, purchased a copy of the New Testament, and the next day made the first step in reconciliation with his estranged wife by reading from the New Testament with her. More than 13,000 tracts containing Christmas passages of Scripture were handed out individually from the Baptist booth during the festivities.

## Mrs. Kate Gay Ezell Dies At Louisville

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate Gay Ezell were held February 2 from the Harris Funeral Home Chapel in Louisville, with Rev. Vernon May, pastor of First Church, Louisville officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Chatman, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ezell was the wife of Brooks Ezell, a life member of the Board of Deacons of First Church and a former member of the State Legislature. Mrs. Ezell was also a member of First, Louisville, where she had been active in many phases of women's work, teaching a beginners' Sunday School class, and participating in W.M.U. activities until ill health forced her retirement.

Mrs. Ezell was born in Rankin County, Miss., and after graduation from high school she entered Mississippi State College for Women at the age of fifteen and earned her degree in three years, so at eighteen she was a fully accredited school teacher and began her career that year.

After being on the faculty at Philadelphia and Newton, Mrs. Ezell transferred to the Louisville School System and taught home economics, and woodwork in the Boys' Manual Training Department and also sixth grade classes.

The Ezells were married December 31, 1916, and had recently quietly celebrated their fifty-fourth anniversary. Mrs. Ezell died at the Winston County Community Hospital February 1, after a brief illness.

She leaves her husband, Brooks Ezell of Louisville, three daughters, Mrs. Dan Fox of Louisville, Mrs. W. D. Lofton of Brookhaven, and Mrs. Carey Salter of Jackson, and seven grandchildren.

**BRAZIL:** The foreign mission board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention appointed nine missionaries in 1970, largest yearly number in the convention's 64-year history. Four missionaries will go to Bolivia, three to Par-

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## EDITORIAL

### January Was Month Of Spiritual Upturn

There are many evidences that January was a month which saw an upturn and a forward surge in the work of the churches and the denomination. From all over the state we are hearing reports of how churches experienced spiritual advance in this first month of the new year.

Now comes the report that Cooperative Program receipts during the month were the highest in the history of the convention. A total of \$431,670.79 was given.

A quick check of the records reveals that this is more than was given in any whole year before the year 1945. In that year the total Cooperative Program giving was \$522,000, while the previous year it had been less than \$400,000. Certainly, we recognize the change in the economy, and the growth of the convention, but the record was of interest to us.

Cooperative Program giving has con-

tinued to increase year by year. While the adopted goal was not reached in 1970, there was an increase in the amount given over that received in 1969, and this has been the general trend since the Cooperative Program first became the budget program of the convention. The goal has not always been reached, but the trend has been continually upward. In only one or two years did we fail to surpass the year before, and usually there was an understandable reason for this.

There should be joy all across the state, because of the spiritual revival which appears to be touching so many of our churches. While it is too early to predict, we are of the opinion that what is happening is an omen that this is going to be a year of advance and spiritual achievement for Mississippi Baptists.

The increase in Cooperative Program giving gives evidence of several things.

It reveals the unity which exists among Mississippi Baptists. It speaks of the strength of our churches, and of the effectiveness of their work in these days of problems and difficulties. It tells of the missionary concern which is felt by our Baptist people all over the state. It voices the confidence which the churches and pastors have in the denominational leadership and program. It shows the determination of our people to answer the call for Baptists to do their part in God's great world program. It bespeaks the spiritual concern and desire for a closer walk with God which appears to be sweeping across our entire state. It gives evidence of the strength of the church and denominational leadership which God has given us.

The Bible tells of an hour when "Paul saw, . . . thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15). We think such an hour has come for Mississippi Baptists.

## Guest Editorial

### Baptist College Day

**John J. Hurt in Baptist Standard**  
Give attention in your church Feb. 21 to Baptist College Day for never before has so important a part of our denominational ministry been in greater need of friends.

These are difficult days for our colleges and the future promises more of the same. State schools dot the land and have their millions of dollars with which to compete for both faculty and students. The private institutions, and more particularly those under the name of Baptists, must depend upon their sponsors and their friends to help them meet the challenge.

Question the value of Baptist colleges and you have but to look about for the answers. The big majority of the pastors come from the Baptist colleges as do others of the church staffs. Poll the church leadership and, with an exception or two, those educated in a Baptist college are the more prominent.

Christ ordered us to "teach" all that He "commanded." Few would doubt that in our way of life He intended Christian colleges to be a part of the teaching process. It is in these colleges

of a special environment with Christian teachers that the young man, the young woman, gain a true appreciation of their role in life.

Admittedly, perfection doesn't come to the student when he first places a foot on the campus. Admittedly, some spend four years in a Baptist college and emerge as a disgrace to themselves and to society. It is strange, however, that we blast away at the college with seldom any reprimand for the home church or the family.

Return to the affirmative and more particularly to our Baptist colleges in Texas. Call the roll of alumni serving as missionaries in distant lands, as pastors in the churches, as Christian leaders in the professions and in the commercial world. Ask where we would be without them.

Baptist College Day should not be just another day on the calendar. It needs the attention of prayerful concern, of commitment for more of our money and our students, and for assurance these colleges can continue with a superior education in a Christian context. To do less is to fold our tent as Texas Baptists.

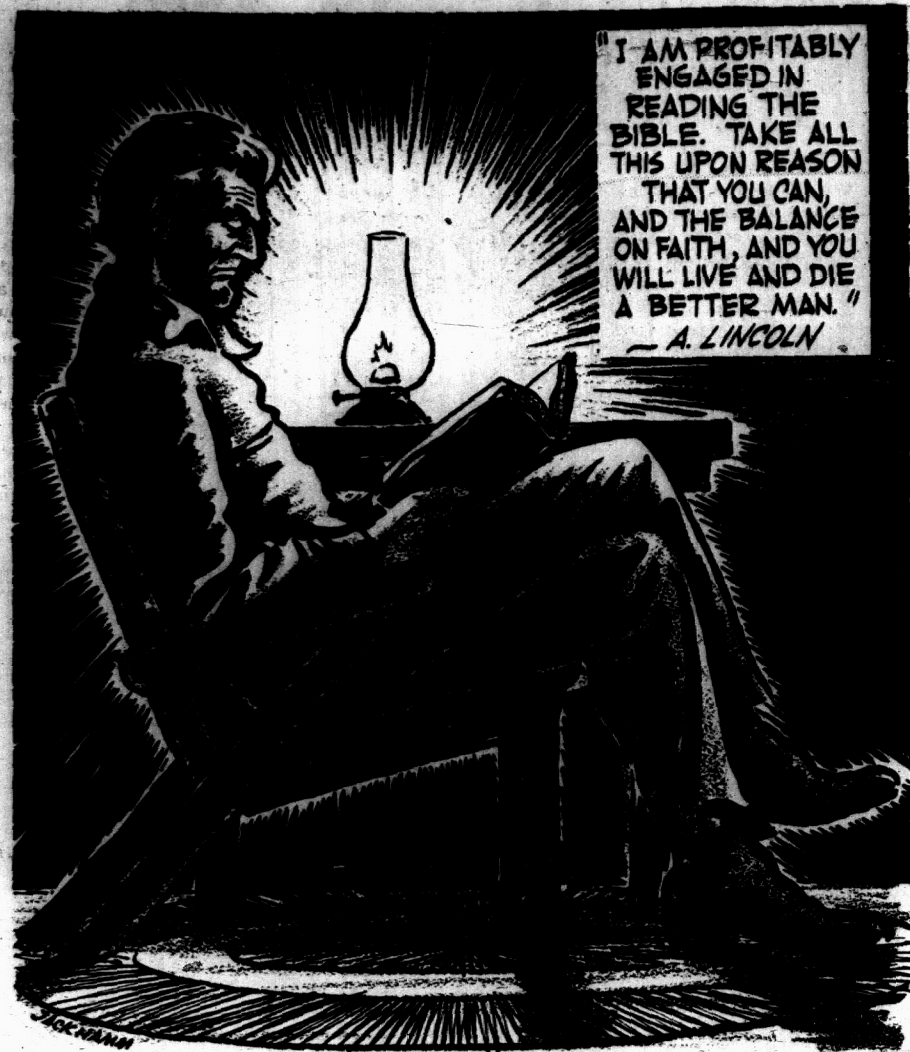
## Typewriters

We should like to express our sincere appreciation to those who responded to our call for old typewriters for display in the editor's office. A number of people wrote us, and we have accepted six old machines. Some of them already have been put in working order and are on display. We still are looking for one or two others. We especially need an Oliver, No. 5, or older model Oliver. We also would like to get hold of a Blickendorf (spelling?). However, we shall be glad to know about any other available typewriter which was made before 1910. Please do not send any machine to us, but simply write to tell us what you may have, which might be added to our collection. We shall then write concerning whether it meets our need.

### QUOTABLE

I am convinced that our biggest task is to kindle a fire in the hearts of people for outreach and evangelism.—Wayne Dehoney in *Set the Church Afire!*, a Broadman book

No doubt about it, Christian women are out there where the people are, daily!—Martha Nelson in *The Christian Woman in the Working World*, a Broadman book



## Abe's Advice

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Questions Using Same Writers For Commentary

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have just read in the Baptist Record, the action taken by the Sunday School Board, that the Commentary be rewritten. What puzzles me is that the same writers that wrote the first Commentary are the same men that have been asked to rewrite the new Commentary. Do you honestly think that these men have a change of thinking on the veracity of the Bible or has the Board put pressure on them to change their views to pacify the Bible believing people of the Baptist faith? Mr. Allen, Mr. Davis, Mr. Honeycutt will not have my approval or my confidence when they help rewrite the Commentary, nor that of some more of our Baptist people here in our church. I surely question their intention, and I think the Board made another sad mistake. It will only make for more dissatisfied Baptists who have lost confidence in some of our Baptist leaders.

Concerning the loss in church literature, I would suggest they question some of our churches just why our Baptist literature has been discontinued? First, because of the content of the material. A lot of the material especially the T.U. materials, we have discarded in plain words because it has no Bible quality or references, but deals with problems, social and otherwise that have no bearing at all on evangelism, nor is it Christ-centered. I hope the literature for next year will be better. Our deacons seriously debated about sending some of our literature back to Nashville. We decided to wait and see what our next quarter material would be like. I thank God we still have men in Mississippi who preach and teach the whole gospel and the whole Bible as the infallible Word of God.

Philip H. West  
Brookhaven, Miss.

#### Seeks Information On Henry L. Whitfield

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am writing my doctoral dissertation on the life of the late Governor Henry L. Whitfield, and I would appreciate your sharing this with your readers. I have information about Mr. Whitfield which can be obtained from the libraries; however, I am interested in hearing from those who knew him in a personal way. I am anxious to collect stories about him and any information that would give insight into his life.

Mr. Whitfield was an outstanding Baptist layman, and often preached when given the opportunity. I would appreciate hearing from one who attended a service in which Mr. Whitfield spoke.

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## NEWEST BOOKS

### Authors Answer Questions On Church Tax Exemptions

#### PRaise THE LORD FOR TAX EXEMPTION

By Martin A. Larson and C. Stanley Lowell (Robert B. Luce, Inc. 343 pp., \$6.95)  
An exhaustive and revealing report on "How the churches grow rich while the cities and you grow poor." The book asks the questions, How much tax exempt property do churches own? How much does this cost the average taxpayer? How much commercial business do churches and religious orders own? Do churches ever pay any taxes at all? Do parochial schools save the public money? These and dozens of other related questions are answered in these pages. It is an amazing revelation, but one which needs to be given serious consideration by all Americans and especially by all church members and leaders. The problem is not caused by the exemption of buildings for worship and homes for pastors, but by the fact that religious groups acquire more and more property for other purposes, which is thus taken off the tax rolls. In 1936, when the Federal government last made a religious survey, American churches of all denominations, reported church buildings and parsonages with a total value of \$3,756,437,777. Religiously used wealth, however, in the United States in 1968 was: Roman Catholic, \$54 billion; Jewish \$7.5 billion and Protestant \$40.6 billion. This totals over \$100 billion, almost all of which is untaxed. Moreover, the churches collect and disburse over \$25 billion of untaxed income each year. Since "churches" are continuing institutions, their wealth continues to grow, and the tax-exemption also grows. It has caused serious crises in other centuries and other nations, and the authors say it can happen in America. The authors are not arguing for taxing of church property actually used in church work, but do show how exempting related businesses, etc., is creating crisis problems. Studies are made in 14 specific cities revealing the seriousness of the problems there. This will be an enlightening book to read, and an often used reference book in dealing with matters relating to church and state.

#### MUSIC MAKING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

By Stilwell, Scoggins, Williams, and Robinson (Convention Press, paperback, 152 pp., New Church Study Course). Organized around the concepts and experiences that church leaders should provide younger children at church; this book projects the conceptual approach to music education: spiritual concepts, concepts about church music, and concepts of music.

#### FAMILY MINISTRY IN TODAY'S CHURCH

edited by B. A. Clemmings, Jr. (Convention Press, paperback, 129 pp., Church Study Course) This book is a guide for church leaders and members in understanding and planning for a church's emphasis on family ministry. The author is a former Mississippian.

#### USING THE PANEL IN TEACHING AND TRAINING

by LeRoy Ford, illustrated by Joe McCormick (Broadman Press, paperback, 125 pp.) Here is competent instruction for teachers and leaders of large groups on when and how to use the panel method in teaching. An effective blending of cartoon and writing vividly depict this particular teaching technique.

#### CHURCH TRAINING RESOURCE AND PLANNING GUIDE, 1971-72

edited by Donald S. Whitehouse (Convention Press, 96 pp.) This book is designed for use by the general officers of a church training program, pastors, and ministers of education, and it is for use by churches of all sizes. There are articles and plan sheets for each type of church training director. The section on member training includes 12 monthly plan sheets. Other sections contain quarterly plan or report sheets.

#### SOURCEBOOK 71-72, A DIGEST OF PROJECTS AND CURRICULUM UNITS

compiled and edited by James V. Cartwright, Jr. (Convention Press, 160 pp.) This book is a planning tool that presents a digest of practically all the action plans and educational units available from Southern Baptist agencies. It is for use by pastors, staff members, church council members, coordinators, and other church planners. It does not contain a planning process, but rather its purpose is to provide church leaders with a catalog of approaches and resources.

#### DEATH IS ALL RIGHT

by Glen H. Asquith (Abingdon, 64 pp., \$2.50) In compassionate, direct language Dr. Asquith comes to terms with death, bringing one to anticipate death as fulfillment. All the positive aspects of death are unfolded here—a time of reparation, of restoration—a glad encounter with God. To all who face death, their own or a loved one's, Dr. Asquith offers meaning, courage, and a source of enrichment and self-understanding. This is a beautifully written, comforting, meaningful book that everyone should read.

#### WANDERING WHEELS

by Jack Houston (Baker, 173 pp., \$3.95).

Bob Davenport, two-time All-American fullback from UCLA, and coach at Taylor University, believes today's youth need adventure, challenge, excitement. In 1963, he organized Wandering Wheels, groups of young men who ride bicycles from coast to coast. His purpose in this organization is to prove to the young people involved that Christ expects big things from His followers and that meeting Christ is the most exciting thing that can happen to a person. The Wandering Wheels often stop in towns to sing and to witness. In this book, Jack Houston, reporter for the Chicago Tribune, tells the story of the organization of Wandering Wheels, and of many marvelous experiences of the young bike riders.

#### EDUCATION: what's happening

A federally guaranteed deferred payment plan for college students has been proposed by a study group of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The aid plan, called "Educaid," is among 25 recommendations, listed as theses for reforming higher education.

The assembly proposes that, in addition to existing scholarships, work-study and other financial aids, the "Educaid" plan be developed, "covering tuition and other fees and room and board." The plan, similar to the "Educational Opportunity Bank" concept, recommends that the deferred payments be guaranteed by the Federal government "in much the way mortgage guarantees are provided" and that "repayment should be in proportion to the long-term income of the recipient."

"The person who by choice or fortune later in life has a high income would repay somewhat more than received," the proposal states. "The person who does not attain such an income, whether because of his or her choice of profession or occupation precludes it, or because of personal adversity—illness and the like—prevents it, would repay less."

The assembly's "First Report," originally scheduled for completion last summer, also recommends increased opportunities for disadvantaged students, but warns against the "involuntary servitude" of students who attend college because of various pressures, and urges that students be allowed to interrupt their studies for long periods, and that adults, with or without degrees, have easier access to higher education programs.

### Beyond the Ironing Board



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Wilda Fancher

Everyone knows he will die sooner or later. Lots of folks come to a time when they are made to realize death may be sooner rather than later. The surgeon was explaining to me that a tumor nesting in the muscle and nerve tissue just outside my spine indicated surgery. It was suspected of being a harmless fatty tumor, but only by actual examination could its content be determined. Arrangements were made for my entrance into the hospital two weeks later. Some lack of ease in the surgeon's manner was almost disquieting, but not quite. Then in the last few minutes of our visit he said, quietly and seriously, something like this: "Wilda, (he had been in college with us), I cannot let you go to surgery without telling you that there is about a 5% chance this tumor may be malignant. If it is, this is a mighty bad place for it to be."

Five percent had always seemed negligible. Now it loomed mountainous. The surgeon told me that if I became too nervous about it all to call him. I assured him a full two weeks would be needed for me to get things in order (what a sinister phrase, suddenly!). Besides, I whistled in the dark, I was a veritable Rock of Gibraltar—my faith would see me along. On the way home I realized the message had come through loud and clear—a doctor had looked me in the eye and said, "You may have cancer."

I talked back and forth with myself. "Self, cancer happens to other people, not to me." Finally I said, "O.K., Wilda, why do you think you're so special that cancer can't happen to you? Where did you get some special immunization? Face it, self. You may have cancer." So I faced it during the ride home. Then came genuine frustration—when I was trying to work out a future for my family without me, when I was facing the possibility of a slow death to which I thought I could not subject James and the boys, when I was spinning the wheels in my head toward getting the world, especially my small world, ready to carry on without me, when I was trying to keep my chin up—and from quivering.

Before I reach despair I remembered my God. I need not face this alone. "Child, don't fret. I can work it all out. . . I have already worked it out. . . don't you remember, all things work together, you know, for good." Now, I did not know if He meant that He would see to it that I did not die, or if He would see to everything if I did die! But I knew then that I was like the Rock of Gibraltar—I had not been loosened—it was just the restless water around me that made me feel as if I would topple. The assurance of God's hand still steady on my life was all I needed to settle down. By the time I reached home with the flippant report, "I knew if I looked long enough I would find a doctor who would recommend two weeks of rest—one in the hospital and one at home," my heart's moorings were fast in the haven of God's wise power. I never climbed the walls, nor did I lose sleep. Only once did I call the surgeon for reassurance. "Do you really think there's a 95% chance this tumor is not malignant?"

I think when I went to sleep for surgery I was not sure in whose presence I would be when I was next conscious. I really do not think I would have been surprised had God's eyes met mine. But they didn't. Two sparkling brown ones above an ocean-wide grin looked down at me as the dearest voice of all said, "Honey, you don't have cancer—you're going home—and you're going to be just fine. Isn't that good?"

I smiled one of those silly half-drunk smiles and said not a word. But my heart said, "I'm so glad He worked it out this way instead of the other."

(Mrs. Fancher may be addressed at 316 West Canal St., Aberdeen, Ms. 38730.)

To be agreeable when we disagree is a goal most of us have to keep working at.



# Why Start Baptist Churches In "Pioneer" Areas?

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Thursday, February 18, 1971

## Billy R. Trotter To Be Presented In Recital At MC

The Music Department of Mississippi College will present Billy R. Trotter, organist, in a faculty recital at the Clinton campus on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Trotter, assistant professor of music, has been on the faculty of Mississippi College for five years and has also been serving as organist for First Baptist Church in Clinton.

He received his bachelor's degree in organ from Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. His master of music degree was awarded by George Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn., with post-graduate work also being done at that institution.

Mr. Trotter's program will consist of compositions by Bach, Nelhybel, Sowerby, Langlais, and Liszt. A brass ensemble accompanies the organ in Dupre's Poem Heroique also being performed.

The recital will be given at Province Chapel and the public is cordially invited to attend.

By Mrs. W. J. Hughes  
Grand Forks, N. Dakota  
"Yes, we thank God that we have found a church home at last." Mr. Raymond Wagar finished the story of his Christian experience and sat back in his chair. From the window of the white frame farmhouse near Inkster, North Dakota, we could see the weather beaten barn where his story had begun thirty - five years ago.

"I was just a young man, sort of arrogant and proud. I was newly married and beginning to farm on my own. Mother had always read the Bible and prayed, and my wife was a church member; but religion meant nothing to me personally. Then a concerned Christian man from a neighboring community began holding services in the little church house in Johnstown, and I went on Sunday morning."

"The text of his message was repeated over and over and it burned itself into my mind. I heard it in every turn of the wheels on the way home, and in every whistle of wind about the house."

"After lunch I went to the barn and began pitching hay down for the stock. With every forkful my mind

echoed the words of the text, "condemned already . . . condemned already . . . condemned." The words grew louder and louder; "He that believeth not is condemned already." I threw down the fork and fell beside it in the hay."

"O God," I cried, "If I am condemned what must I do to be saved?" My heart answered with other words from the sermon, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." From the depth of my soul I prayed "O God, I am condemned but I want to be saved and I do believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

"My heart throbs subsided and peace came. I tried to work but such a joy flooded my heart that I soon quit and went to the house. I tried to tell my wife what had taken place, but she could not understand such an experience of being saved. To her, salvation was something you got by being baptized and confirmed and living a good life. So we took her Bible and I found the text of the morning, then we followed the cross references to other passages on salvation. We were so engrossed that it was past dark before we stopped to do the evening chores. Our search continued day

by day and after a few weeks she was saved also."

Mr. Wagar began then what was to become a lifetime habit of Bible study and prayer. There was no church nearby where the Bible was taught and practiced as he found in his reading, and opportunities for Christian fellowship were few.

There were times of testing in bearing a consistent Christian witness. Mr. Wagar told of one such occasion. "One year just as the grain was ready for harvest, we had rain every day of the week. But on Sunday morning the sun was out bright and clear. The neighbors on each side were out working the fields, and the thought came to me that I should take advantage of the sunshine too. But I decided it would be clear on Monday and I would be only one day behind them."

"However, on Monday the skies were gloomy, rain came about noon and stopped the field work. So it was every day until the next Sunday when it was bright and clear again. This time the temptations were stronger, but I knew if the neighbors saw my tractor in the field on Sunday, they would question the reality of my

Christian faith. So we kept Sunday as a holy day unto the Lord. And the Lord sent enough sunshine and kept the freeze away until all our harvest was in."

In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Wagar attended a funeral service some hundred miles from home. One of the pastors assisting in the service was K. W. Gaskin of First (Southern) Baptist church in Devil's Lake. In God's providence the Wagars rode back to Devil's Lake in the same car with him and they shared their testimonies with one another. "Telling about it later Mr. Wagar said, 'That pastor talked about Jesus as naturally and easily as if he knew him personally. I could tell he was a man of God.'"

Almost a year later Mr. Wagar read in the newspaper where Pastor Gaskin was to be guest speaker in the Faith Baptist Church of Grand Forks, only forty miles from their home. He and his family visited the services there on Sunday morning. One night that week, W. J. Hughes, pastor of the church in Grand Forks, drove to their home. They talked late into the night about Bible teachings and church relationships.

The Wagars began to attend Sunday School and worship services regularly and talked with Pastor Hughes several other times. After months of serious consideration, Mr. and Mrs. Wagar and their three children responded to the public invitation. Mr. Wagar spoke for them, "We find this church teaches and practices what our Bible tells us. We want to be baptized and serve God here with you."

Thus, thirty-five years after a young farmer was saved in a hayloft, he came into a church fellowship. His joy in worshipping with others and his faithfulness in driving forty miles to do so, is an inspiring example to the congregation.

Yes, thank God for a church home! Thank God that Southern Baptists are establishing churches in North Dakota!

Many individual Baptists and churches in Mississippi have given us support in prayer, encouragement and financial gifts during these thirteen years in Grand Forks. Several Mississippi churches have contributed regularly to our work in Grand Forks and in Devil's Lake (a former mission from Grand Forks). For all of this help we are grateful.

## Names In The News

David Hunker, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Carl Hunker, missionaries to Taiwan, was married Jan. 30 to Margaret Yost, in Kansas City, Mo. Young Hunker is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; his wife is a physical therapist. The couple will live in Kansas City. Missionary Hunker was born in Lakeview, Ore., and lived in Marshall, Mo., and Canon City, Colo., while growing up. Mrs. Hunker is the former Jeannette Roebuck of Texarkana, Tex.

During the morning services on January 10, the Brooks Memorial Church, Atmore, Ala., licensed Tommy Mills of Atmore to preach. Mr. Mills was born in Waynesboro, Miss., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mills of Waynesboro. He is married to the former Diane Pitts, also of Waynesboro. They have two children, Joey and Teresa. A graduate of Clara High School, he is presently employed with a seismicographic team of Shell Oil Company in the Atmore area but expects to leave soon to study more extensively for the ministry. Rev. DWitt Allen is pastor of Brooks Memorial Church.

Seven persons have graduated from the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Six of the graduates, all from Jackson, have gone to work for Baptist Hospital. They include Mrs. Verneine Donahue, Mrs. Linda Foster, Miss Virginia Hales, Mrs. Jean Long, Mrs. Euzede Robinson, and Mrs. Willie Bell Scott, all of Jackson. Miss Ruth Lightsey, of Bay Springs, has been employed by University Medical Center in Jackson. Addressing the graduation ceremony, Miss Kathy Bearden, director of student activities for the hospital's educational programs, said hospital work is "the greatest mission field in the world today."



David Miller has begun his ministry with the Richland Church, Hwy 49 South, Jackson, as minister of music and youth. He came from Florida Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., where his wife Donna was church organist. The Millers (above) are parents of two girls, Melanie 6, and Angela 1. They are living on Cleary Road in the Plain Community. David is entering the work as a full-time staff member. In Greensboro he was a part of the 1600-member church as deacon, R. A. director, supt. of the Junior High School department, outreach leader for the Senior High department, and directed the youth choir in the church mission. Prior to surrendering to fulltime Christian work, he was employed as a tool and die maker.



Rev. Barney Thames is featured in full color on the cover of a recent bulletin published by the Texas Baptist Bulletin Ministry. He is shown preaching fervently, behind the pulpit at Pecan Heights Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, where he is pastor. The subject discussed on the back of the bulletin is "Evangelism." The Public Relations Department of the Texas Baptist

Convention took this photograph without Mr. Thames' knowledge and then wrote him: "Barney, see you are yet helping Texas Baptists; this is the best profile we could get of a Texas Baptist pastor preaching in his pulpit portraying that he love both GOD and Man!" Mr. Thames was born in Covington County, Miss., RFD, Collins, and was "born again in the Salem Baptist Church, baptized in Rogers' Mill Pond, some 65 years ago, by the then Pastor Jack Cranford." His home address in Dallas is 10839 Cassandra Way, Dallas, Texas 75228.

Kenneth R. Pegram, second year Clarke College student, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Trinity Church, Memphis, on Feb. 3. Mr. Pegram has accepted a call to Mt. Pisgah Church, Eupora, Ark. Rev. Billy Smith, pastor of Trinity Church, preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Dan Goodwin, education director, delivered the charge to the candidate. Ed Keyes, music director, led the congregational singing and sang a solo. Mr. Pegram is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pegram of Caribou Drive, Memphis, Tenn. His wife is the former Jane Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Taylor of 1470 Easton, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor of Calvary, Tupelo, recently served as teacher of the January Bible Study on the Epistles of John in First Church, Guntersville, Alabama, where Rev. Wilburn Matthews, former pastor in Greenwood, now is pastor. The week was called the most successful Bible study week the church ever held, with some persons saying that they had received more from the study than from many revivals they had attended. Mr. Matthews has led the church to become 27th in the state in total mission gifts, and 19th in the state in Cooperative Mission gifts. The Lottie Moor Offering has increased 150% in the past three years.

Mrs. Martha Branham was presented in vocal concert Monday evening, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at First Church, Grenada.

## Washington The Christian



During the French and Indian War, George Washington wrote a complaint to the Governor of Virginia because he had not arranged for a chaplain to serve the troops. "The want of a chaplain," he wrote, "does, I conceive, reflect dishonor upon the regiment. Common decency in a camp calls for the service of a divine."

Complying with Washington's request, a chaplain was furnished. On Sept. 18, 1756, the 24-year old Colonel of the militia ordered that "the men parade tomorrow morning at the beating of a long roll, with their arms and ammunition clean and in good order, and march to the fort, there to remain until prayers are over."

After the French and Indian War, Washington became a vestryman of the Truro Parish, serving from 1763 to 1774, during which time he attended 23 of the 31 meetings of the body, being absent only because of sickness or some unavoidable reason. While in this office, he served on the building committee and personally drew the plans for the Pohick edifice. He also made a complete survey of the community to show that the site chosen by the vestry was centrally located

with respect to the homes of the members attending the church.

Rev. Lee Marsey, the rector of the Pohick Church, commented concerning George Washington as a churchman: "I never knew so constant an attendant in church as Washington. His behaviour in the house of God was ever so deeply reverential that it produced the happiest effect on my congregation, and greatly assisted me in my pulpit labors. No company withheld him from his church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on a Sabbath morning, when his breakfast table was filled with guests; but to him they furnished no pretext for neglecting God and losing the satisfaction of setting a good example."

To Nellie Custis, the granddaughter of Martha Washington, we are indebted for the following information: "In New York and Philadelphia, he never omitted attendance at church in the morning, unless detained by indisposition. The afternoon was spent in his own room at home; the evening with his family and without company. Sometimes an old and intimate friend called to see us for an hour, but visiting and visitors were normally prohibited on that day."—The Defender (Above drawing from War Cry)

# AREA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

March 1-2 7:00-9:00 P. M.

### TEAM 1

Mrs. Fred Neyland, First, Jackson, Tennessee, (Younger Preschool Division); Mrs. Paul Perkins, Calvary, Tupelo, (Older Preschool Division); Thelma Williamson, Broadmoor, Jackson, (Younger Children's Division); Mrs. John Hammatt, Belmont Heights, Nashville, (Middle Team 1 Leader); Billy Hudgens, State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Older Children's Division); Mrs. William McCarver, Highland, Meridian, (Youth Division); David McCubbin, First, Meridian, (Adult Division); Earl Sandifer, Calvary, Tupelo, (General Officers).

March 1—First Baptist Church  
Amory  
March 2—First Baptist Church  
Fulton

### TEAM 2

Mrs. Paul Harrell, Briarwood, Jackson, (Younger Preschool Division); Janice Chambers, Van Winkle, Jackson, (Older Preschool Division); Mrs. Herbert Green, Saltillo, Saltillo, (Younger Children's Division); Dr. Thurman Prewett, Memphis, Tennessee, Middle Team 2 Leader; W. T. Douglas, Children's Division; Team 2 Leader; Mrs. Chester Vaughn, First, Nashville, (Older Children's Division); W. T. Douglas, State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Youth Division); Pat Gullede, First, Grenada, (Adult Division); Chester Vaughn, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, (General Officers).

March 1—First Baptist Church  
Bruce  
March 2—First Baptist Church  
Marks

### TEAM 3

Mrs. Joe Barber, First, Columbus, (Younger Preschool Division); Mrs. Oliver King, Calvary, Jackson, (Older Preschool Division); Mrs. Warren Trussell, First, Columbus, (Younger Children's Division); Hazel Morris, First, Jackson, (Middle Team 3 Leader); Judd Allen, Children's Division; Team 3 Leader; Mrs. James P. Henry, First, Columbus, (Older Children's Division); Judd R. Allen, State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Youth Division); Warren Trussell, First, Columbus, (Adult Division); Bill Hardy, First, Kosciusko, (General Officers).

March 1—First Baptist Church  
Philadelphia  
March 2—Ackerman Baptist Church  
Ackerman

### TEAM 4

Carolyn Madison, State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Younger Preschool Division); Mrs. Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Parkway, Jackson, (Older Preschool Division); Evelyn George, State Church Training Department, (Younger Children's Division); Team 4 Leader; Mrs. L. U. Ama, Parkway, Jackson, (Middle Children's Division); Jimmy Mathis, Parkway, Jackson, (Older Children's Division); Tommy Baddley, Broadmoor, Jackson, (Youth Division); Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Adult Division); Curtis Beard, Parkway, Jackson, (General Officers).

March 1—First Baptist Church  
Hazelhurst  
March 2—First Baptist Church  
Magnolia

### TEAM 5

Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, (Younger Preschool Division); Mrs. Charles Martin, Parkway, Jackson, (Older Preschool Division); Dr. Mildred Souther, New Orleans Seminary, Louisiana, (Younger Children's Division); Mrs. Jim Thomas, First, Gulfport, (Middle Team 5 Leader); Mrs. Ben Kitchings, First, Gulfport, (Older Children's Division); Wayne Wilson, First, Brookhaven, (Youth Division); Bryant Cummings, State Sunday School Department, Jackson, (Adult Division); Winfield Rich, Temple, Memphis, (General Officers).

March 1—First Baptist Church  
Lucedale  
March 2—First Baptist Church  
Ocean Springs



## Hawaii Youth In Prayer Vigil

HONOLULU (EP) — When school was dismissed here so young people could attend the opening of the state legislative session, some 60 young people took the occasion to stage a prayer and witnessing vigil on the steps of the senate.

During one of the recesses, the young people were permitted to go to the floor of the House to present the lei with the peace symbol and two Scripture verses along with a pamphlet titled "If" to the representatives.

The outcome of the enthusiastic youth demonstration was listed by Mariko Yonamine as including the following: 1. One legislator said he was glad to see the interest because he had thought Christians didn't care what the congress did. 2. Another legislator confessed he was a new Christian and needed the help and encouragement. 3. "If" pamphlets were left on the desks of several legislators. 4. Legislators kept the lei and peace symbol. 5. Many visitors asked questions and took literature. 6. Some Christians objected to the peace symbol used by the young people, and 7. The possibility of the use of a TV room for future prayer was being worked out.

Mrs. Frances Hunter, one of the organizers, said she never saw a state so ready to accept Christ.

Among those who made decisions for Christ under her ministry was the wife of Honolulu's mayor.

## Clara Musician Presents Recital

Melita Ann Shoemaker, organist for First Church Clara, presented her fifth organ and piano recital on January 17. She was presented by her teacher (aunt), Mrs. Jack Carter.

Varied selections of classical, popular and religious numbers were included. Her program included five piano solo selections, two organ solo selections, two clarinet numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Carter, and four numbers with Melita at the organ and Mrs. Carter at the piano.

Also assisting Melita in her recital were Vivian Dean, who rendered one solo and N. L. Shoemaker, Jr., father and N. L. Shoemaker, III, brother on twin trumpets, playing a medley of songs of the cross, accompanied by her.

Serving as ushers for this occasion were her cousins, Kevin and Kyle Trigg. Registering the approximately seventy guests was Candis Trigg, a piano student of Melita's.



## Ocean Springs Young People Stage "Stay Alert Coffee Stop"

On New Year's Eve, the young people of First Church, Ocean Springs, had a "stay alert coffee stop" for travelers on Highway 90. There were two stops—one for eastbound traffic, the other for westbound traffic. Free coffee and cookies were served. The pamphlet, "I'd Like You to Meet My Friend; His Name Is Jesus," was given to each one who stopped. Above left, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mash, Beaumont, Texas enroute to their home from Jacksonville, Fla. with their newly acquired white cat.

Traveler, stop for a cup of "stay alert coffee" in Ocean Springs. Serving the coffee along with a smile is Patti Wagner of the Young People of First Church, Ocean Springs, who sponsored the service to holiday travelers. Keeping warm on the other side of the highway, pictured above right, are some more of the young people staffing the "stay alert coffee stop." Similar "coffee stops" are planned for July 4. Rev. Paul David Aultman is the Ocean Springs pastor.

## Can You Describe "The Typical Freshman"?

You hear a lot about the "typical freshman," but how do you describe him or her?

Mississippi College officials can get a pretty good definition of their "typical freshman" by studying the profile report furnished by the American College Testing Program (ACT).

He is a Mississippian, born in 1952, a graduate of a high school with an enrollment between 100-399, whose average family income is between \$7,500 to \$9,999.

And, there's more. He was a "B" student in high school, made an average of 21.6 on the ACT as compared to the 19.8 national average, and was interested in improving study and writing skills.

This and other pertinent information was gleaned from computerized sheets furnished Mississippi College by the ACT personnel on students enrolling at the college who took the ACT last year.

Eighty-five percent said they expected to participate in some campus religious group, while 57 percent said they would like to be a member of a social group or fraternity.

The guests enjoyed the reception in the Gilbert Hall of the church.

Melita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Jr. and a junior in high school. She has taken piano for eleven years.

Over half — 51 percent — said they expected to apply for financial aid during their four years at college. There were 40 percent, however, who said they would probably never seek financial assistance.

Forty-six percent said they worked regularly for pay while in high school, with 43 percent saying they had jobs when friends couldn't find one and 41 percent indicating they obtained their

jobs without the help of parents or friends.

Twenty-five percent of the ACT-tested students said the single most important factor in selecting Mississippi College was the special curriculum, while 15 percent said a campus visit or tour influenced their decision.

On the same subject, only three percent rated location as the single

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## Charles Carrigan Earns Eagle Scout Badge

Charles Carrigan of Clinton is pictured as he receives his Eagle Scout badge at a special Court of Honor held by Pocahontas Church. Charles, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carrigan, pictured during the presentation. Ed Blake, left, is Scoutmaster of Troop 328.

# Today's Youth

## Attention: Young Readers

The Baptist Record devotes a full page to youth, as a regular feature, every four to six weeks. Until now, the page has majored on the news angle, telling of events in which young people have played a part.

We would like to make this your page, and have some articles and opinions from you. We would like to use comments, testimonies, questions and answers, and even pictures, sent in by YOU. Also we would be happy to have suggestions concerning how this page can please and serve you better.

For a starter, we should like to have brief two or three-page articles on these subjects: "What I Appreciate About My Church," "Changes I Would Like to See in My Church," "Why I Want to Go to the College I Am Planning to Attend," or "Why I Chose the College I Am Attending," "Why I Believe in Foreign Missions," "Why I Want to Enter a Certain Vocation," "What Contemporary Music Says to Me," "The Type of Person I Should Like to Marry."

The Baptist Record cannot promise to publish ALL articles received, because of limited space, but several of the best articles on each subject will be chosen for publication. Both high school and college age young people are invited to participate. Let us hear from you!

## Magnolia Street Opens Fiery Furnace Coffeehouse

The Fiery Furnace, a coffee house for young people of the Laurel area, has been begun by Magnolia Street. After seeking for some time, they found an ideal location one block from the church. The place was given to them. The youth immediately went to work with cleaning and painting. Once a teenager finds the door of the Fiery Furnace there is no mistaking he or she is in the right place. Bright red stairs on which the letters, "Fiery Furnace," appear lead into the large room. Psychedelic panels give the assurance this is the place for youth.

A teenager can enjoy pool, ping pong, and other types of games at his own leisure time, or just relax if he desires to do so. The youth feel that this is truly a place where one can find God as well as answers to any problem that he may have. Each week there is a brief devotional as a part of the activities. Various tracts and leaflets are available as well as copies of Good News For Modern Man and Reach Out, two versions of the New Testament in modern language.

This ministry has received loud acclaim in the city of Laurel. Since the coffee house is interdenominational there has been an average of seventy to eighty attending each week. There have been several youth who have found Christ as a result of the ministry. Members of the youth council of the Magnolia St. Church are: Scott Selman, Janet Myers, Merry Beth Reynolds, Danny Temple and Buddy Temple. Rev. Tom Sumrall is pastor, and Elmo McLaurin serves as minister to youth.

## Life Is Worth Living Because Of Jesus

By Laverne Sullivan  
Route 1, Box 124  
Moss, Miss. 39460

I am a young lady twenty years of age, and I am so very happy because of God's love.

As a young teenage girl, I felt as if I knew what life was all about. As time passed I realized that I had an emptiness, a longing for a new life. I had a hunger that worldly pleasures could not satisfy. Several years later something wonderful and exciting happened to me.

That wonderful and exciting day was when I repented, believed, and received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord.

It is so breath-taking and so exciting to know that my life is in His hands, and that everywhere I go, He is with me.

I like to use as my personal motto for Christ that I am His for His service, anytime, anywhere, and for anything.

Jesus is so very precious to me, and as each day passes, it gets sweeter and sweeter to know Him as Saviour and Lord. Isn't it wonderful?

(Two summers ago, Miss Sullivan worked as a summer missionary in Montana.)

## Opportunities For Youth Provided At Glorieta, Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE — Opportunities for youth from Southern Baptist churches are provided at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies.

"There are many opportunities for large groups of youth to attend assemblies weeks," Bob M. Boyd, director assemblies division, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said.

"There are many conferences especially designed for adult leadership, but we want the youth to be there too, and there are just as many opportunities for them," he added.

Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., begins its summer session with the Church Training Youth Conference, June 3-9. This conference is designed for older youth, 15-17 years of age. A second Church Training Youth Conference for youth 12-17 years of age will be held June 10-16 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. A third Church Training Youth Conference will be held June 17-23 at Glorieta.

Opportunities for youth also prevail at the Woman's Missionary Union

Conference, July 22-28; Youth Bible Conference, July 29-Aug. 4; Home Missions Conference, Aug. 5-11; Foreign Missions Conference, Aug. 12-18; and the Church Recreation Leadership Conference, Aug. 26-Sept. 1; all at Glorieta Assembly.

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., opens its summer session with opportunities for youth, June 10-16 during the Church Recreation Leadership Conference. Youth will also be welcomed at Ridgecrest for the Foreign Mission Conference,

June 17-23; Youth Bible Conference, June 24-30; Church Training Youth Conferences, July 8-14, July 15-21; Woman's Missionary Union Conference, Aug. 12-18; Home Missions Conference, Aug. 19-25.

A selected number of youth, 150 at each assembly, will attend the Youth Music Workshops, July 1-7 at Ridgecrest and July 15-21 at Glorieta.

The only limitation on youth is that they must be accompanied by adult sponsors in ratio of one man for each of five boys and one woman for each five girls. Where conferences are designed primarily for youth, conferences will be provided for adults attending the assemblies with youth groups.

For information about any assembly program during 1971, write Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770 or Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.



## 4011 Converts in 17-Day "Spireno" Crusade In Houston

First Church, Houston, Texas has just experienced its greatest evangelistic crusade in 145 years. In line with the "Jesus" trend among American youth today, over 95% of the converts were teenagers. SPIRENO, "Spiritual Revolution Now," the brain child of evangelist Richard Hogue, finished its first three phases with 4011 converts and 639 baptized in the 17 day Crusade.

The first three phases carried out over a three month period included meetings in 45 high schools and junior high schools over the city with Richard Hogue and his religious folk group, Bill, Dave, and Mary.

Phase number 4 consisted of fol-

low-up rallies in rented school auditoriums presenting a solid gospel claim upon the lives of the youth attending. By the time the Crusade had entered the First Baptist Church auditorium, phase number three, already 1061 young people had been converted and included in the revolutionary force which infiltrated every campus in the city bringing crowds averaging 2700 for the 14 nights in the Church auditorium, and crowds up to 5000 in the four nights at the Sam Houston Coliseum.

Phase number four is Continued Spiritual Revolution. This will be attempted with Bible study classes, periodic follow-up rallies, social acti-

vities, and personal witnessing.

SPIRENO in the First Baptist Church is under the direction of Rev. Ben Loring, Minister of Evangelism. This ministry is one of eight initiated by Pastor John Bisagno upon becoming pastor of First Baptist Church eleven months ago. The church has, in less than one year, tripled in average attendance and baptized 950 people since October 1. A survey is being conducted among the many converts to find relevant information which might be helpful in other churches. Evangelist Richard Hogue will be continuing his SPIRENO Crusades in churches across the country.

## 'Jesus Rock' Leads The Hit Parade

The no. 1 popular record at the start of the year was ex-Beatle George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord," sung with choruses of "Hallelujah!" in the background.

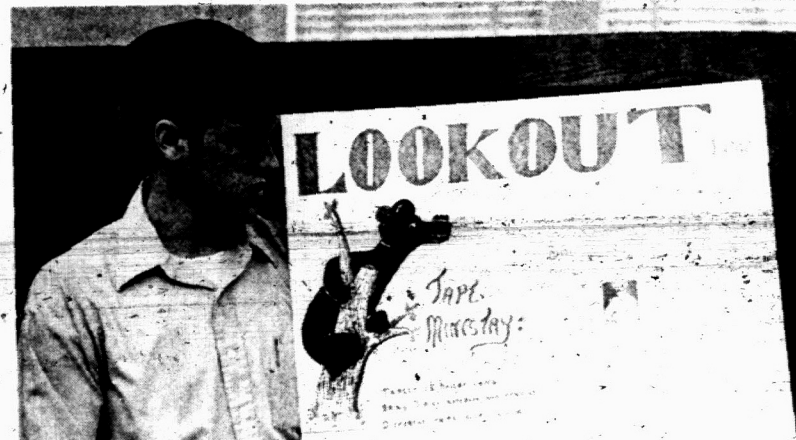
"Spirit in the Sky," by Norman Greenbaum was the top selling record for 1970.

Among the current best-seller albums are Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water," Harrison's "All Things Must Pass" (which includes "My Sweet Lord") and the rock opera, "Jesus Christ — Superstar."

Other periods of music could be cited for their religious songs, from "I Believe" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" to recent revivals of songs like "Oh Happy Day." The Hollywood Free Paper, an underground-type journal, lists about 25 groups performing gospel, folk, country, soft and hard rock music with evangelistic lyrics.

For many, the songs are neither a spiritual search or a fad. They are an evangelistic medium. A 19-year-old bass player at the Ron Salsbury and the J. C. Power Outlet, said: "We're doing it because the Lord Jesus has taken over our lives. We're spreading His gospel and trying to bring people to Him through our music."

Testimonials like that make the relentless beat beautiful.



## At Carey: New Approach To Student Bible Study

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE STUDENT, Val Robinson, president of the campus Baptist Student Union, smiles as he announces plans for a new approach to student Bible Study. Beginning soon will be a "tape study" each week which will last approximately one and a half hours. Students will be asked to bring Bibles, pencils, and notebooks for an "in depth" study listening to outstanding Bible scholars across the nation. "This is strictly a volunteer project and we are experimenting to see how many students are really interested in such extra-curricular study," commented Robinson. Meanwhile the advertising campaign is getting in full swing. Dorman Laird is director of student religious activities at Carey.



## "Youth Excursion"—First, Charleston

Inspirational "Encounters with God," "Share Groups," "Coffeehouses," and many other activities made up "Youth Excursion," which was held January 21-24. This Excursion was directed by students from Mississippi College. Services were held each night and an overnight retreat at Lakeside Baptist Assembly was a definite highlight during the week-end activities. Sunday morning worship hour was also directed by Mississippi College students, and during the invitation 33 decisions were made for Christ. "This Youth Excursion was indeed a turning point in the lives of many Young People from First Church, Charleston," states

Don Boyett, minister of music and youth.

The Miss. College students involved in "Youth Excursion" were: Kneeling, left to right: Sherrill Dillon, speaker; James Griffith, counselor; Mervie King, counselor; Daryl Boigs, pianist and counselor; standing, left to right: Linda Gregory, counselor; Linda McKay, counselor; Richard Lister, song director and counselor; Sandra Bloodworth, counselor; Liz Palmer, counselor; Sherman Dillon, entertainer and counselor; Diana Chiles, counselor; Becky Fox, counselor; and Beth Barbour, organist and counselor.



# Commitment To Christ As Savior Means Following Him In Obedience, Devotion

By Clifton J. Allen  
Matthew 7:21-23; 21:23-27

Commitment to Christ as Savior is never to be thought of apart from obedience to him as Lord. One cannot be a disciple in parts. He becomes a disciple by commitment to Christ and he lives out that commitment by following Christ in obedience and devotion. This is something of what it means to know and do the will of God. We know his will in terms of the example and teaching of Jesus. We do God's will through yielding ourselves to Jesus by trust in him and allegiance to him.

## The Lesson Explained

**SAYING WITHOUT DOING (7:21-23)**  
These verses are best understood against the background of what Jesus had been teaching. He declared that Christian discipleship must be marked by the fruits of righteousness. To say "Lord, Lord" does not prove that one has really received Jesus as

Lord. Becoming a Christian or entrance into the kingdom of heaven calls for a moral and spiritual commitment that will find expression in doing the will of the heavenly Father. One may live under the pretense of profession during this life; but when one comes to stand before Christ in the judgment, saying will not suffice. One may have performed Christian acts without ever having done the will of the father in terms of genuine repentance and faith and wholehearted obedience. There will be fearful disappointments in the judgment on the part of persons whose profession of faith was shallow and unreal and whose religious acts were matters of external conformity instead of love and trust in the heart.

**HEARING AND DOING (7:24-27)**  
Jesus' teachings must be taken seriously. The person who hears and commits himself to doing is wise indeed, like a man who builds his house on a rock or builds it on a secure foundation. The structure of life must have a secure foundation. That foundation must be Christ himself and commitment to his word of

truth and his rule of love, his promise of forgiveness and his demand for service. Jesus was declaring the fact of his lordship over all of life and his demand that his disciples be obedient to his commandments and faithful to his teachings. By clear implication Jesus was saying that the Christian life is to be lived under storm and stress. A Christian is exposed to the vicious attacks of Satan, the fierce winds of temptation, the pressures of compromise and corruption, and the hostile forces of criticism and persecution.

**REPENTING AND DOING (21:28-32)**  
The chief priests and elders challenged Jesus' authority. His authority was from heaven, but they were unwilling to accept him or to recognize his authority. The parable about the two sons shows that authority is respected by obedience and that the acceptance of authority is evidence of repentance. One son, when commanded by the father to go and work in his vineyard, refused at first to go but later repented and obeyed. The other son glibly promised obedience but then failed to do what he pro-

mised. The second son was an illustration of the religious leaders of Judaism. They professed their acknowledgment to God, but they failed to show this. John the Baptist had come preaching the righteousness of the kingdom of God and pointing to Jesus as the long-promised Messiah. But the religious leaders of Judaism did not believe and would not obey. On the other hand, many who were known to be sinners, even publicans and harlots, repented and did the will of God: they believed in Jesus Christ. If one wants to know and do the will of God, let him know that the beginning point is surrender to Christ the Lord, and following Christ with love and fidelity leads to doing the will of God on earth.

## Truths to Live By

Knowing and doing the will of God is centered in Christ. — No one can really understand the will of God or be in harmony with the will of God or have the strength to do the will of God apart from the acceptance of Christ through a commitment of trust and through union with him in the fellowship of his Spirit. Through ob-

edient trust in the Spirit, through the study of the Scriptures, and through prayer and active involvement in the work of Christ, one discovers more and more of what it means to be in the center of the will of God. He discovers also the surpassing joy of knowing that his life is in harmony with the purpose of God, with assurance always of the help of the Holy Spirit in doing the will of Christ in the world.

A false faith leads to fearful disappointment and final rejection. — There is a day of judgment. Those whose faith is unreal, those who have never done the will of God through reality in their relationship with Christ, will be rejected. And to be rejected by Christ will mean eternal ruin. What more sobering warning could Christ have given to encourage people to turn to him with trust and to live for him now? Unreality in faith also leads to disappointments during this life. There can be no high level of moral victory, no enduring experience of spiritual peace, and no strong hope of life with God forever. It behooves every pro-

fessing Christian to examine the sincerity of his commitment to Christ in conversion and to test the reality of his devotion to Christ through prayer and obedience and righteous living and unselfish service.

Authentic faith is confirmed by loyal obedience. — Christ is both Savior and Lord. Therefore trust in him for salvation from sin and obedience to him as the Lord of life must go together. Faith and works are not in conflict but in unity. Faith is the condition of salvation from a human standpoint, and works are the expression of salvation in grateful devotion. Faith without obedience is empty and meaningless. Faith fulfilled in obedience is real and convincing. Faith confirmed by obedience makes the Christian life a telling witness for the gospel of Christ.

Concern is not Christian unless it stems from the conviction that an event which happened in the first century can be understood only in the light of the contemporary scene. — G. Avery Lee in *The Reputation of a Church*, a Broadman book

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Jesus Sheds New Light On the Old and Difficult Subject "Why Do We Suffer?"

By Bill Duncan  
John 9

"Why do we suffer?" This is one of the oldest and most difficult problems man presents today. Many times I have been asked, "Is God now punishing me for something I have done? At death, people will ask, 'what have I done that requires death.'"



Recently we lost by death a very fine boy who was killed only

a few miles from the college campus where he attended. His family said "why? why? WHY?" Finally I said all I know is that a car was on his side of the road and there was an accident. The people of the Jewish faith saw everything as the direct act of God. They believed that the storms, earthquakes, defeats and sickness in body came at God's command. So in the face of sorrow and blindness the disciples of Jesus asked the question about the man suffering from blindness, "who did sin, this man or his parents that he was born blind?"

Jesus sheds new light on this dark

subject when he says, "Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." In this statement the Lord tears away this veil of error that evil is penalty of sin. Some ailments are directly due to the fault of those who suffer. But how could a baby sin before it was born to cause blindness? There are accidents, contributory factors in hereditary transmission from one generation to another, and drugs that could cause children to be born blind. However, Jesus disclosed that running through all the dark-seeming mystery of God's permissive will is an all-anticipating good purpose. The Bible says, "that the works of God should be made manifest in him. To Jesus, not all suffering is caused by sin."

What is the good purpose here? Here was a beggar, who was poor and needy. We do not need to worry about the cause and we need to do something that will help the person. Because of the life Jesus lived, we do not expect Him to take time to argue the problem of pain and suffering. In the presence of need, His concern is to do something about it.

Charles Allen in his book, *The Touch of the Master's Hand*, tells of a legend that a man got caught in a bed of quicksand. Confucius saw him and remarked, "There is evidence men should stay out of such places." Buddha came by and said, "Let that life be a lesson to the rest of the world." Mohammed said about the man, "Alas, it is the will of Allah." The Hindu said to him, "Cheer up friend, you will return to earth in another

form." But when Jesus saw him, He said, "Give me your hand, brother, and I will pull you out."

Wherever we find Jesus, he is so busy saving the sinner that He had no time or reason to condemn. So whatever we need, we can find help in Him.

The putting of the clay on the man's eyes was for a definite purpose. The blind man did not know who Jesus was. The people in that day believed that the saliva of a good man contained healing power. The wet clay was for the purpose of arousing faith and hope in the man.

Every man is healed by the Lord of any problem or suffering by faith and obedience. Jesus required faith and Jesus helped him create faith. The washing in the pool of Siloam was to teach obedience. If a person can have faith in the Lord a solution can come. It may not relieve the suffering or pain, but it will cause the suffering to be insignificant. Faith teaches that hardest suffering here is leading to the highest ministry there. One day we shall all be "presented faultless" before the throne, but we must remember that we shall not all be pre-

sent alike in traits of character. By faith we can develop character that will be more like this character.

"One thing I know that whereas I was blind, now I see." This testimony speaks of little knowledge or theology but experience. Anyone who has had faith and obeyed the Lord's words knows that change also. Christianity treats not the theories or hypotheses, but certainties and realities. A person may not know much, but he can know something. The object of Christ's mission was salvation, the moral effect was judgment. Why did Jesus heal the man? The ultimate purpose was salvation. Why do we relieve the suffering of men when possible? To teach faith and to awaken obedience to the word of God. The physical is not so important as the spiritual.

Lord, I believe, (John 9:38) are the words that speak of the salvation that Jesus speaks and gives. The ultimate

## Minister Invited To Athens

A retired Southern Baptist Convention minister from America has been invited to preach to an English-language group meeting in Athens, Greece. It is the only known Baptist group in the country.

About 25 to 30 United States military personnel and their families form the fellowship, which has not officially constituted a church. The group has been meeting since shortly before Christmas, 1969.

All are Baptists and most come from SBC churches in the States.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board invited Clyde R. Campbell of Big Spring, Texas, to preach to the group for a year starting in February 1971. Campbell recently retired as pastor of a church in Big Spring.

The SBC missionary agency presently provides pastors for several English-language congregations, pre-

dominantly American and most of them military personnel, in Europe—in West Berlin; Casteau, Belgium, Paris, Madrid, Rome, and Munich.

A Negro sergeant preached to the Athens group until he returned to America last autumn. Various Baptist missionaries, pastors, and seminary professors from America have preached there when visiting Athens.

The Greek Orthodox Church is the official church of the nation and Protestant work has faced limitations and restrictions. There are an estimated 10,000 evangelical Christians in the total population of around 9 million.

As early as around 1835, three Baptist missionary families from America launched evangelistic work in Greece, and continued it for about 15 years. Seldom more than a handful of Greek people ever participated, however.

Later in the century there was another unsuccessful effort to found a Baptist witness in Greece.

The two main Protestant denominations in Greece today are the Greek Evangelical Church, Congregational in character, and the Free Greek Evangelical Church, which has a Brethren background. Some other groups have been trying to establish their witness also.

The English-language Baptist work in Athens does not herald the beginning of work among the Greek people themselves. (EBPS)

The Baptist Theological Institute of Peru, Trujillo, has employed its first Peruvian full-time professor. He is Fernando Cardenas, immediate past president of the convention, and a pastor in Peru for 10 years. Convention goals for the current decade including having 30 organized churches, 20 of them self-supporting, and a trained pastor for every church.

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most important fact in the selection process, while a good athletic program was said to be the prime factor by only one percent.

Another interesting point was that women students had the higher grade-point average in high school, but the male students averaged higher scores than did the women on the academic sections of the ACT.

Ninety percent of the students entering Mississippi College who took the ACT last year said they expected to live in one of the college residence halls, while 43 percent said they expected to bring a car to the campus. As far as high school participation was concerned, over 50 percent said they had taken part in from 10-18 out-of-class achievements and a like percentage said they were elected to one or more student offices. Thirty-four percent had received an award or special recognition for their leadership ability.

In athletic achievements, 48 percent of the men indicated they had won varsity letters, with 14 percent of the women reported having received a varsity letter.

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### Southside, Greenville, Begins Bus Ministry

Southside Church—137 West Reed Road, Greenville, has just purchased a bus and started a bus ministry. Pictured above is Troy Moore, driver of the bus. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sansing are the bus ministry outreach directors. Rev. S. B. Boyett is Pastor.



### First, Byram Receives Gift Of Property

Rev. Orvel E. Hooker and C. E. Blaine, a local businessman, discuss a 14-acre gift of property which Mr. Blaine recently deeded to the First Baptist Church of Byram. The property, valued at more than \$15,000, was a part of Mr. Blaine's tithe. In the past four years Mr. Blaine has deeded to churches in South Jackson a total of 66 acres, valued in excess of \$100,000.



### Southwestern Men's Chorus To Sing At Carey

William Carey College will present the Men's Chorus from Southwestern Seminary in concert on Saturday evening, Feb. 20, in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Conducted by the Dean of the Seminary's School of Church Music, James McKinney, the Men's Chorus will present a program of selected music by a variety of well-known composers.



### Broadman Publishes Carey Prof's Book

William Carey College professor, Dr. B. F. Smith, right, presents an autographed copy of his new book, *Christian Baptism*, to Carey president, Dr. Ralph Noonkester. Recently published by Broadman Press in Nashville, *Christian Baptism* is the culmination of 20 years of research on the part of Dr. Smith. It deals with the variety of meanings and methods involving the practice of baptism in history and at the present time. Dr. Smith has been on the Carey faculty since 1947. He has written curriculum materials for Southern Baptist periodicals for many years, but this is his first book.



### Freedom Church Honors Parker Family

Freedom Church, Jones County, honored their resigning pastor, Rev. Mac B. Parker, and his family recently with a reception. The church presented to the Parkers a silver service in appreciation of services rendered by them in the past seven years. Freedom Church paid off all indebtedness, installed central heat and air-conditioning, carpeted the auditorium, and purchased new pulpit furniture during Mr. Parker's pastorate. Mr. Parker has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County.



### Artwork Presented To Baptist Student Center

Charleen Null, above, a Hattiesburg senior at the University of Southern Mississippi and an art education major, presented a watercolor painting and a drawing to the USM Baptist Student Union. Receiving the painting was Rev. Louie Farmer, BSU director at right, while Dr. William H. Poirier, left, Chairman of the Department of Art Education, looks on.—(USM Photo Service)

### BOGOTA, Colombia: A total of 45

young persons publicly expressed a desire to seek God's will for their lives following Christmas concerts by the girls' sextet from the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali. In addition, several youths professed faith in Christ as Saviour. The sextet appeared in seven churches and missions and in a public park in Bogota. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Smith, Southern Baptist missionary, and by a senior student from the seminary in Cali.

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### Richland Rings The Bell With 476 Present

"Praise the Lord, hallelujah and amen! Did we ever ring the bell!" Pastor Paul B. Williamson, Jr. (left above) of Richland Church, Plain, reports with elation. The church was seeking to break the old Sunday School record of 383 on a recent Sunday, and they had 476 present. That is 93 more than they had ever had in Sunday School, according to Albert Brook, Sunday School superintendent (right above). Also the church has just completed a revival, led by Larry Taylor and Billy Foote, during which over 100 people made professions of faith.

### PERU: More than 90 messengers

to the fifth annual meeting of the Evangelical Baptist Convention of Peru elected the convention's first lay president, Santiago Mallea, deacon in the First Baptist Church of Lima and manager of the Baptist Book Store there. For the first time the convention met in Piura, in the country's northern desert region. Membership in the convention's 15 churches passed 1,000 last year, and offerings exceeded 1 million soles (about \$23,750), it was reported.

### Off The Record

Mother: "Be sure to wash your arms before you put on a clean shirt."

Junior: "For long or short sleeves?"

A gentleman living in Washington, D. C., has invented a woman's handbag with a zipper on the bottom. He says, "That's where everything is when she wants it, isn't it?"

Boss to stenographer: "Congratulations, Miss Hopkins. This is the earliest you've been late."

Riding in a propeller airplane, the passengers saw first one and finally three of the four engines conk out. The cabin door opened and the pilot appeared with a parachute on his back. "Keep calm folks and don't panic—I'm going for help!"

A labor official was addressing a group of workers in Poland, who had complained about their low pay.

"Forget about money and double your output," he thundered, "and in ten years each one of you will have his own plane."

"What'll I do with a plane?" asked a worker.

"Don't be stupid," said the official. "If you hear they've got potatoes in Poznan, you can fly there and be first in line."

### Devotional

### Jesus -- Is He Saviour Or Lord?

By Joe N. McKeever, Minister of Evangelism, First, Jackson

Text: "... Jesus Christ is Lord. . . ." Philippians 2:11

The first person I heard say it was a college student. He probably didn't know any better. In giving his testimony in a worship service, he said, "When I was eleven, I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. Later, at the age of nineteen, I accepted Him as my Lord."

The second time, it was by a preacher. He should have known better. He had, according to his testimony, been saved at twelve and then he strayed from the Lord. After years of wickedness, he returned to church one night and renewed his vows to the Lord. He explained, "Christ became my Saviour at the age of twelve, and my Lord when I was twenty-two."

What strange talk! Imagine Jesus Christ into half-Saviour and half-Lord—then accepting part and leaving the rest!

Paul described Christ as "the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour" in Titus 1:4. One of the most often quoted salvation passages, Romans 10:9-10 requires us to "confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus." Yet the odd idea persists that I may allow Christ to be my Saviour, but refuse to allow Him to be my Lord.

According to this strange theology, we might expect there to be three different plans of salvation, each depending on the depth of one's conviction.

- (1) SAVIOUR ONLY. This plan of salvation calls for no commitment. It asks the "believer" to accept the benefits of Calvary and perhaps join a church. Everything else is optional equipment!
- (2) SAVIOUR NOW, LORD LATER. This plan allows one to be saved now, and then spend several years in a backslidden state. However, it called for the "believer" to awaken one day and let an infinitely-patient Christ be his Lord. We call this rededication.
- (3) SAVIOUR AND LORD. Those who wish to be religious fanatics may choose this variety of salvation. It calls for wholehearted repentance and commitment to Christ.

The spiritually alert recognize that easy believism is killing our churches. We need to proclaim loudly that the only way anyone can be saved is to repent and receive Christ as Lord of his life! Furthermore, if a Christian is not living with Christ as his Lord and Master, he is thus in sin and out of fellowship with God!



### Visiting S. Louisville's New Prayer Room, Two From India Acknowledge Belief In Christ

The people in the picture represent those who came forward in a recent worship service at South Louisville Church to commit themselves to soul winning (the children were added for the picture).

In this same service, the church's newly furnished prayer room was

dedicated. The church voted earlier to set aside one of the rooms for a prayer room. It was furnished with red carpet, paneling for the walls, a picture of Christ in Gethsemane, a specially built table, and Bible. The room was fixed with benches covered with red material for sitting, and

kneeling rails covered with red carpet were for kneeling to pray.

The pastor, Rev. Fred Trexler, Jr., reports an unusual occurrence: "During the service, we had prayed for souls to be saved in the prayer room as we dedicated it to God's glory and to those who would use the prayer room and be blessed in doing so. Immediately following the close of the service our minister of music, David O'Brien's brother came by with two young men from India who were attending Mississippi State University. We talked with them while they were there about Jesus Christ (they were not Christians). We took them into our prayer room to show it to them and while there asked them if they would be interested in praying to Jesus Christ for their salvation. They said they would. So the four of us knelt down in the prayer room and they in turn asked God's forgiveness for their sins, acknowledged their belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and invited Him into their heart for salvation."

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